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Intelligence Division vs Intelligence Group

1. The attached documents clearly demonstrate (a) the excellent cooperation given to CIA by Intelligence Division officers above the Intelligence Group, and (b) the entire absence of cooperation which CIA sometimes encounters in dealing with the Intelligence Group.

2. In June a CIA analyst, who had formerly been on duty as a reserve officer in ID, requested the CIA Library to obtain copies of the intelligence summaries put out by the several armies within the U.S. It was his recollection that they sometimes contained useful foreign intelligence information.

3. The CIA Library's informal request by telephone was refused, so a written request was sent out on June 22nd. The Intelligence Group replied on July 13th by suggesting that CIA read the National Security Act and withdraw the request.

4. Colonel Blakeney, Army Member of ICAPS, CIA, thereupon called upon Colonel Williams of the Intelligence Division. Colonel Williams promptly reversed the Intelligence Group's decision, and arranged for CIA to borrow a few copies of the requested publications for study.

5. The CIA requesters thereupon scanned the publications, decided that they did not currently carry enough foreign intelligence information to justify continued distribution to CIA, and the request was withdrawn.

6. Recommendation. Had the Intelligence Group shown the same degree of cooperation in this instance as did Colonel Williams, the same end result would have been achieved, a delay of nearly two months would have been avoided, and much time would have been saved for officers of CIA and ID on several different echelons. It is believed that a written instruction to the officers of the Intelligence Group, calling upon them to cooperate with CIA, might prevent future recurrences.

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INTELLIGENCE GROUP Memorandum of 25 June 1948

1. This Memorandum, widely disseminated by IG throughout the Army, has effectively served to weaken the national intelligence structure by preventing necessary working-level relationships between CIA and the several offices and agencies of the Army.

2. On the face of it, the Memorandum appears to be no more than an unexceptionable effort to ensure that the Intelligence Division is enabled to play its proper role as a channel for the interchange of intelligence materials and information between CIA and the Army. In practice, however, it has had the effect of interposing intolerable barriers and delays at the working level.

3. There are many areas in which it is necessary that CIA analysts and workers maintain direct working contact with opposite numbers in the Army outside of the Intelligence Division. Thus: (a) the Army Map Service and the Map Branch of CIA daily interchange cartographic materials and information; (b) the CIA Library people must maintain direct contact, usually by phone, with the many different Army libraries in order to locate needed documentary materials and arrange for them to be exchanged on loan; (c) CIA's medical people need direct contact with the Office of the Surgeon General; (d) CIA's photo and film people need direct contact with the photo units and collections of the Signal Corps. There are many other such areas of common concern and the IG Memorandum would close all of them off by making it necessary for each inquiry, whether originating in CIA or the Army, to be cleared by an officer of IG before it can be put through. In practice, IG generally refuses such clearance. (See Exhibits C and D herewith)

4. Recommendation: It is believed that the Memorandum should be rescinded, and notice of rescission sent to all recipients of the original. If the Director of Intelligence finds it desirable, then another should be sent out affirming ID's focal responsibility for intelligence matters affecting the Army, but providing that categorical authorizations for necessary direct working contacts will be issued by the Director of Intelligence, GSUSA, to cover those instances in which such contacts are in the interest of the national intelligence structure.

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